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PEARL HARBOR IN PHILIPPINE EYES.

While expressing disappointment that the government has decided to concentrate its activities in the preparation of a naval base at Pearl Harbor, the Manila press takes a very sane view of the situation. It is the generally-expressed opinion, however, that the cessation of activity in the Philippines is to be only temporary, and that eventually the plans for Olongapo and Manila will be carried out. The Manila Times says, along this line:

There will naturally be much disappointment at the determination of the high military authorities at Washington to abandon the construction of a first-class naval base in the Philippines, but we are convinced that the abandonment is only temporary, and that the project must, within a few years, be revived. As a matter of fact, there is a great deal of logic in the decision of the government as we understand it. The bases on the Pacific Coast and that at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii should be developed and completed before an extensive naval station in the Orient is undertaken. The simple logic of a constructive plan calls for building from the Pacific Coast outward. But when Puget Sound, California, and Hawaii have their bases properly built, equipped and protected, the naval problem of the United States is not by any means completed. Pearl Harbor has splendid strategic advantages, but it can not be a satisfactory base for operations in defense of the Philippines; it is simply a link in the general defense of American possessions in the Pacific. And so we are convinced that ultimately there must be a naval base of the first class in these waters.

In another respect this decision will have an important bearing. A number of persons in Japan have the misguided notion that the American people are moving against them with a general design of war. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The Japanese have nothing which the American people covet. On the contrary, the American people are disposed to be exceedingly friendly and to rejoice in the material progress and prosperity of the Japanese. They only ask that in that portion of China which has fallen under Japanese influence that they have a fair chance. But this belief exists in Japan and the announcement that the naval base plan has been abandoned ought to reduce suspicion and distrust to a minimum. The United States will continue to maintain a considerable squadron in these waters, and unquestionably will complete the defenses of the fortified harbors of Manila and Olongapo.

SPANISH-AMERICAN HOSTILITY.

Mexico's attitude during the Yzella imbroglio has been one of friendliness to the Nicaraguan dictator and of chilling aloofness toward the United States. In offering Yzella an asylum aboard a Mexican warship, at a time when it is known throughout the world that Secretary Knox has stated that the United States proposes to hold Yzella responsible for the murder of Americans, Mexico comes out fairly as the ally of the enemy of America.

There is no disguising the fact that Spanish America has no friendliness toward this country. In the unfriendliness is a measure of jealousy and some fear. The Monroe doctrine, while relied upon by the little republican tyrants to protect them against the European powers they insult, is felt as an irksome arm thrown over them. The Central and South American countries resent the Monroe doctrine.

It is feared that such protection as America affords them will give this country the right to police the protected countries, which right America has more than once threatened to exercise. Uncle Sam, as a Big Brother, has been too overshadowing and powerful to be loved.

It is inconceivable that there will be any serious trouble at this time between American and any Spanish-American combination, but it is very probable that any action America may take toward preventing Yzella's escape through the connivance of Mexico will be treasured up to use against us at some time to come.

From appearances, Uncle Sam will have a "trouble" nearer at home than the Orient.

THE HONOLULU WAY.

Honolulu has responded in the Honolulu way to the request for money for the Malihini Christmas Tree, and there is enough in sight to justify the committee in going ahead with the purchase of toys and holiday cheer for twelve hundred of the unfortunate little ones of the city. The response has been ready and generous; there has been no holding back, and there will be no disappointment for the children of the needy on Christmas morning.

The Advertiser felt assured that this would be the case when it undertook to remind Honolulu of the existence among them of so many to whom the coming of Christmas would mean little unless the charitable came to their aid. On Friday last the matter was discussed with one or two individuals willing to devote their time to the collection of funds and the work of preparing the tree; on Saturday the first of a series of articles asking for money appeared in this paper, followed by others on Sunday and yesterday. That, with earnest work by a growing corps of canvassers, was all that was necessary. By noon yesterday there was enough money on hand to warrant a committee starting out on a purchasing tour of the stores.

To those who will be unable to attend the gift-giving on Saturday morning, The Advertiser returns the thanks of the committee; those who will be able to and do attend the ceremonies at the tree, will receive their thanks from the thousand or more happy little ones who will also be there.

Of the many blunders Mayor Fern has made since chance placed him in a position of responsibility, none is likely to prove so harmful to him as his attempt last night to prevent publicity being given to what charges there may be against Paole. If Paole is guilty, Fern can not save him; if he is not, the sooner the public has a chance to judge, the better for him. Fern has long been regarded as an incompetent, but heretofore he has been looked upon as reasonably honest. If he is to stand in the way of investigations into the honesty of employees, however, the suspicion may arise that his actions have more behind them than political expediency.

It is to be hoped that Sheriff Jarrett enforces to the letter his order against the use of firecrackers and bombs on the streets this evening. Hoodlumism has been on the increase in Honolulu, and there should be some examples made as a means to stamp it out. Fools who enjoy themselves by frightening women and children should be shown no mercy, even on Christmas eve. The idiot who enjoys himself by wantonly spoiling the pleasure of others, who throws flour and talcum powder on people's clothes, comes in the same class, and should be as summarily dealt with.

This has been a great Christmas for the Honolulu storekeepers. Never before in the history of this city has the buying been so great, and those who have postponed their purchasing until this late hour will find that their delay has been to their disadvantage. What the business has been this season, however, is nothing to what it will be in the seasons to come.

The planters' association has announced its decision to bring more Porto Rican laborers to Hawaii, a week after The Advertiser told all about it. The announcement will probably again bring out a variety of opinions as to the advisability of the proposed immigration.

A soldiers' train to run between this city and the cavalry camp is one of the signs of the times.

There will be no issue of this paper on Sunday. It is not expected, however, that this announcement will prevent several hundred people from tele-

phoning in on Sunday morning and wanting to know why their Advertisers have not been delivered.

The Advertiser almost daily receives unsigned communications, with requests that they be published. For the several hundredth time it is hereby announced that no attention is paid to unsigned letters.

The fact that faked Cook used the Flag in his faked picture of the North Pole shows that flagflapping and flagworship can not always be taken as prima facie evidence of either truthfulness or loyalty.

Doing business on a trading stamp basis is not legitimate business. No wonder the merchants as a class refuse to be held up and are ready to persuade others to join in the refusal.

DUTIES OF CENSUS TAKERS DEFINED

WASHINGTON, December 10.—United States Census Director Durand today issued a statement defining the qualifications, duties and compensation of census enumerators. He states that one of the duties imposed upon the supervisors by the census act is the designation of suitable persons to be employed, with the consent of the director of the census, as enumerators within their respective districts. It is further provided that such persons shall be selected solely with a view to fitness, and without reference to their political party affiliations.

"The census act provides that the enumeration of population and agriculture shall begin on April 15, 1910, and that each enumerator shall complete the work required in his district within thirty days in the case of rural districts and small towns, and within two weeks in the case of any incorporated city, town, village, or borough which had 8000 inhabitants or more under the census of 1900.

"It is desirable where possible that the enumerator shall live in the district he is to canvass. He should be familiar with its territory and the general character of its people.

"The census requires as enumerators active, energetic persons of good address. They must be thoroughly trustworthy, honest, and of good habits. They must have at least ordinary education and be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity. In general, preference will be given to former enumerators if they are at present physically able to perform the duties of the position.

"Each person seeking appointment as census enumerator must make a written application to the supervisor for the district of which a resident, and said application must be made through out in the handwriting of the applicant, and must be indorsed by two representative business men of the community in which the applicant resides.

"All applicants for appointment as enumerators will be required to take an examination, to be prescribed by the director of the census, to determine their fitness for the work. This examination will be of a practical character, consisting chiefly or wholly of the filling out of a sample schedule of population from data furnished, and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in rural districts, the filling out of a sample schedule of agriculture.

"Each applicant is furnished with an illustrative example of the manner of filling the population schedule and, in country districts, with a copy of the agricultural schedule to which, in the main, the work of the census enumerators is confined. These forms of schedules are furnished for the information of the applicant and should be studied and preserved for use in connection with the examination referred to in the preceding paragraph.

"It will be necessary for each enumerator, before entering upon his duties, to receive a commission, under the hand of the supervisor of the district to which he belongs, and to take and subscribe an oath or affirmation that he will faithfully discharge all the duties required of him under the law.

"The census act also provides that an enumerator, after accepting an appointment and qualifying for the work, can not, 'without justifiable cause,' refuse or neglect to perform the duties of the position; and he will further be required to devote his entire working time to the census work during the period of the enumeration.

"The compensation to be paid to enumerators is fixed by the census act, and an allowance of not less than two nor more than four cents for each inhabitant, not less than twenty nor more than thirty cents for each farm reported, and ten cents for each barn and inclosure containing livestock not on farms is provided for all subdivisions where the director of the census shall deem such remuneration sufficient. In other subdivisions the director may fix a mixed rate of not less than one nor more than two dollars per day and, in addition, an allowance of not less than one nor more than three cents for each inhabitant enumerated, and not less than fifteen nor more than twenty cents for each farm reported while in subdivisions where per diem rates are necessary, because of the difficulty of the enumeration, the enumerator may be allowed in the discretion of the director a compensation of not less than three nor more than six dollars per day of eight hours actual fieldwork each. Except in extreme cases, no claim for mileage or traveling expenses, will be allowed to any enumerator, and then only when authority has been previously granted by the director of the census."

Attention is also called to the letter of the president addressed to the secretary of commerce and labor, a copy of which is appended to the statement, concerning the matter of political activity on the part of census supervisors and enumerators. In accordance with this letter any enumerator must sever his connection with any political committee of which he may be a member, before entering on his duties, and must refrain from political activity during his term of employment.

HAWAII LOSES THE CONVENTION

Now Thought That It Is Too Late to Resume Work for the Scientific Meeting.

At the regular weekly meeting of the promotion committee, held yesterday afternoon, the question of attracting scientists to Hawaii again came up. Members of the committee last week took exception to statements accredited to Professor Gilmore that the committee had done nothing towards attracting the attention of scientists to the islands.

Acting-Secretary Cooper called on Professor Gilmore this week with a number of scientific publications that have been issued by the committee and explained to him its status in such matters and the steps they have taken in the line in which Gilmore said it was deficient. Professor Gilmore explained that his remark did not refer to the promotion committee in particular but to promotion work in general. He addressed a letter to the committee which was read yesterday in which he outlines the work that could be done to attract scientists and further called attention to the fact that unless there were some people on the Coast who were still working for the 1910 convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Hawaii would not get it.

The 1909 convention opens on the 28th of this month and it will then be decided where the next one will be held. As the attention of the promotion committee was called at the last meeting to the fact that the agitation for this convention, started so vigorously here, had been unaccountably dropped, Cooper wrote letters to several people on the Coast who were interested in the matter and asked their interest.

The entire matter now hinges on the question of transportation, and this has been the modification of all letters that have been written with the purpose of advertising Hawaii for the next convention.

Cheaper Living.

In his weekly report to the committee, Acting-Secretary Cooper says in part:

"N. A. Carpenter, president of the Carter-McNeil Investment Company of Spokane, Washington, who is here with his wife for the winter, called on me a few days since, and expressed regret-

that the Spokane Chamber of Commerce excursion has had to be abandoned on account of inability to secure steamship accommodations. He further stated that there has been an impression in his part of the country that the cost of living in Hawaii is very high, but that he has found exactly the reverse to be the case. In fact, he stated that he is living at considerably less expense than would be the case were he at home.

Want Us Labeled.

"Within the past week we have had a number of complaints from strangers on account of lack of street signs at street crossings. This is a matter of considerable importance and should, if possible, be remedied.

"There are a number of matters of importance to be considered at the meeting this afternoon. We have had a lengthy communication from President Gilmore of the College of Hawaii, with reference to his position in regard to promotion work. I called on Doctor Gilmore yesterday afternoon, and am very glad to say that his ideas are quite in accord with our own.

"An increasingly large number of the visitors to the Territory are making the trip to the volcano, and other points of interest away from Honolulu. I have yet to hear of one who has returned from one of these trips dissatisfied. Although the weather has not been particularly good for the past several weeks, almost without exception the tourists in the city appear to be enjoying themselves.

"There is a great demand at the present time for furnished cottages, or furnished housekeeping rooms. Scarcely a day now passes that a number of such inquiries is not received at this office. The demand is especially great for such places near the beach, and the suggestion made some time ago by Secretary Wood, regarding 'tent city,' would certainly fill a very urgent need just at this time."

FRIAR LANDS MAY BE SOLD TO PLANTERS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Attorney-General Wickersham gives it as his opinion that the government of the Philippine Islands may sell the Friar lands to the extent of unlimited acres, in spite of the limitation of the Organic Act. It is said that the sugar interests want to secure the land.

Johnny Hayes defeated Connolly, Soldier King, and Fitzgerald in a Marathon race at San Francisco on Sunday, December 12. Hayes' time was 2 hours 28 minutes 54.3 seconds; but it was not a record as the track was found to be a mile short.

CHRISTMAS WEEK IS ON IN FULL SWING TONIGHT

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actors of the Bible were trained by Mr. Wilder and their acting was a credit to themselves and to him. The three wise men were portrayed by Robert McCriston, George Fuller, and Dr. Geo. Herbert. McCriston was the Egyptian and made a perfect priest of Osiris while the Mithraism of the Persians was embodied in George Fuller. Doctor Herbert portrayed a Gaul and although there is no probability of one of the three wise men being of the over-Alps races, it did not mar the effect and the winged helmet and the furs of the forest people showed to splendid effect.

Doctor Hobby acted as Gabriel, and of the two central figures in the final group, Joseph was represented by Clifford Livingston and the Mother by Miss Townsend. The latter was the most striking figure of the group and made a splendid and beautiful Madonna. The Shepherd Boys were Reynold McGrew, Ruth Farrington, Everett Brown, Willard Ables and Roy Bush.

A. Murphy prepared the players for the stage, and the result was a tribute to his artistic and theatrical abilities. James A. Rath fixed the turbans, as he is the only man in Honolulu who is capable of "constructing" this strictly oriental headgear.

The Music.

Fine work was done by Vierra as the leader of the orchestra, and the program selected was particularly consistent and well rendered. Prof. Henri Berger orchestrated the songs rendered on the stage during the progress of the representation. The orchestra consisted of twenty-five pieces, Samuel Peck playing the zither in the Vienna Woods Waltz. The program was as follows:

1. "Bells Across the Snow"..... Gounod
2. Overture—"Stradella".....
3. Selection from "Martha"..... Flotow
4. "Tales From the Vienna Woods"..... Strauss
5. Intermezzo from "Cavaleria"..... Mascagni
6. March—"Fairest of the Fair"..... Sousa

At Other Places.

The entertainment by the children of the Susannah Wesley Home was also given last night at the home itself on King street. The program had been arranged and the children drilled and trained by Mrs. O. H. Walker of the Palama school, Miss Saunders and Miss Edith Mack, daughter of the matron of the home.

Mr. Ludwigen of the Palm Restaurant donated the Christmas tree that was decorated with all and every thing that could please the children, and the candy and oranges were donated by the Korean church. Over a hundred were present at the exercises, the program being as follows:

Song, "Merry Christmas"; recitation, "First Christmas"; song, "Jesus Bids Us Shine"; song, "Why Do Bells

Ring?"; recitation, "Olden Story"; rainbow exercises; "Christmas Stars"; recitation, "Dolls' Christmas"; lantern drill; recitation, "Santa Claus and the Mouse"; a bell chorus; Brownies exercises; "Good-night" song.

The Rev. C. M. Pond, an oldtime friend and neighbor of the matron, Mrs. Mack; W. A. Bowen and Reverend Jones were present and all made addresses to the children. Some of the children of the home will take part in the exercises to be given tonight at the Korean Methodist Episcopal church.

At St. Andrew's.

A Christmas tree reigned at the Davies Memorial Hall last night, as well as at the other places, and the children of St. Andrew's parish received and presented gifts before its verdant altar. In front of the tree stood a representation of the manger in which Christ was laid, and with the exception of some little straw at the bottom, this was, at the close of the evening, full of presents for the poor children of Kakaako.

There was no program, refreshments were served to all, and the younger children received presents from the tree. The gifts that were brought in will go to help Mr. Rider, "High Sheriff of Kakaako," give the children of the Kakaako Mission a jolly Christmas.

Tuesday's Entertainments.

Several of the classes of the local missions and churches rendered their programs on Tuesday. The McKenzie Mission, which is carrying on its work among the Chinese in lower Nuanuan under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, held its exercises on that night, and the event marked the close of a wonderfully successful year, as the number of the members of the various classes testified. At last year's Christmas exercises it was noted that only one Chinese girl out of the many that attended had a doll, and, in consequence, all were presented with one at this year's exercises. There are a number of happy hearts in the Chinese tenements now.

The Sunbeam Class, the famous little Sunday-school organization of the Central Union church, also gave its Christmas exercises on Tuesday, under the direction of Mrs. Royal D. Mead.

Exercises Tonight.

The Korean church and mission will hold its exercises this evening, commencing at half-past seven, and its program, as arranged by its pastor, Rev. C. H. Min, and his assistants, will prove an unusually unique and interesting one to those who are unacquainted with Korean manners and customs, all of which will be faithfully represented, at the same time carrying out the Christmas spirit.

At the Chinese church on Fort street, exercises will also be held, making the evening one of the celebration of the stranger races who have entered the gates, as well of the city as of the religion that Christ brought. There will be some exceptionally fine drills of the boys of the McKenzie Mission.

USUAL ROW IS GETTING CLOSER

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over the location would not be proper, according to innumerable precedents. It appears that Honolulu is not to escape.

The suggestion of Governor Frear, who has worked hard in the matter of securing the Carnegie donation, is to have the building placed in the Capitol grounds where the national guard headquarters are at present, the site of the bungalow that heard many of the states secrets of the Kalakaua regime. The Governor thinks that the library would balance the archives building and improve the look of the public grounds, being at the same time close to the center of the city.

The opposition to this is not that the location is not a good one but from the fact that the land is inalienable public property. The opposers are of the opinion that the whole territorial library stunt is going to fizzle out within a few short years and that the present library board will have to step in and run the affair again on the lines of the present library, or that the city will have to take the library over and support it as a public library for Honolulu.

"The idea of a territorial library is unwise," said a prominent citizen yesterday, a man who is a member of the present library board of trustees. "The legislature voted money to keep up the library on the conditions that it be a territorial library and that the books be circulated throughout the other islands. The scheme is unworkable. The library will be supposed to purchase enough copies of the current novels to supply the country demand, while the valuable books will have to be shipped around the country to every town and hamlet, in all kinds of weather conditions. It cannot be done.

"What will be the consequence? Mr. Brown of Lihue and Mr. White of Kaula and Mr. Green of some place in Kau will all want books. They will have to wait their turns and there will be complaints of favoritism and neglect. When the legislature meets there will be burning words of wisdom from the country members and perhaps the appropriation will be continued and perhaps it will not.

"The legislature has given and the legislature can take away. Blessed be the name of the legislature—nit."

Question of Title.

While negotiations between the trustees of the Y. M. C. A. and the trustees of the library association have been progressing, for the sale of the library lot and building to the association, the title of the library to the land has been looked up, and it has been found that an apparent flaw exists.

The lots in the rear of the library building are the property of the trustees, having been purchased in the regular way. The land on which the library itself stands was given the

board by the Hawaiian government in the dim and distant past, and the gift was hedged about with the proviso that the right to the land should last only during the time it was used for library purposes. If the Y. M. C. A. secures it, some appear to think, there is nothing to prevent any taxpayer from bringing the question up and insisting that the land revert to the government.

For some time the library board has been trying to get the government to issue a clear and unconditional title to the property. The matter was brought up only in the last legislature, but it was sidetracked.

At that time, Governor Frear gave it as his opinion that such action was unnecessary and that the commissioner of public lands could issue a deed to the property at any time, without the legislature having to sanction the transaction, while a recent opinion of the attorney-general is to the effect that the title to the property is clear and that a sale can legally be made, although the strings on the original gift will still apply to any money realized from the sale.

WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR THE BUILDING

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The Y. M. C. A. now has some \$50,000 on hand and the \$50,000 given by the late C. M. Cooke is also available. The latter amount can only be used for building material, however. In order to secure the property just Ewa of the library, on which an option is now held, it will be necessary to have \$30,000. This uses up all but \$20,000 of the money now available for the purchase of land, but it is hoped that at least \$20,000 more may come in from subscriptions immediately after the first of the year.

Whether or not the library building shall have been vacated by March 1 the Y. M. C. A. structure will probably be started by that date. The Ewa end of the building can be gotten under way before the rest of the land is cleared and such will probably be the line of procedure followed.

The building committee will probably hold a meeting early next week and lay out a plan of operation. The personnel of the committee is not yet complete but it will be filled within a day or two.

As soon as the building committee has become organized the question of securing plans will be taken up. Whether the matter will be placed in the hands of some architect chosen by the committee, or whether competitive plans will be called for, has not yet been decided, but it is believed that the latter course will be followed.

With the land question settled, the directors and trustees of the Y. M. C. A. will turn their whole attention toward building, and work will be rushed along just as fast as the necessary funds are paid in.

"Why can't that prima donna sing more than twice a week?"

"I don't know," answered the impression, "unless it's because she tires her vocal cords out arguing with me about salary."